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Sir:

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References AG and AH are cited on page 2 of the Application Specification.

References AA-AB and AG-AP are cited on the attached International Search Report dated July 12, 2005 in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/JP2005/003941.

Reference AG corresponds to References AA and AH.

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